

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2826

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR LE UR EG  
SUBJ: EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RAPPROCHEMENT

1. BOTH PRESIDENT SARKIS AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS  
IN PAST FEW DAYS HAVE ASKED ME FOR OUR VIEWS ON  
SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RAPPROCHEMENT. BOUTROS CLARIFIED  
HIS QUESTION BY SAYING "SOME ARABS" WERE SAYING UNITED  
STATES HAD TACITLY APPROVED, OR AT LEAST NOT OPPOSED,  
FAHMY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW. PRESIDENT SARKIS EXPANDED ON  
THIS TO SAY "ARAB" RATIONALE WAS THAT U.S. FELT SUCCESSFUL  
GENEVA CONFERENCE NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS THERE SOME  
IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. (SARKIS  
HAD RECEIVED SAUDI AMBASSADOR EARLIER SAME MORNING  
AND I SUSPECT LATTER MAY HAVE BEEN SOURCE SARKIS'S  
RATIONALE.)

2. TO BOTH QUERIES I RESPONDED I HONESTLY DID NOT  
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KNOW WHAT CONVERSATIONS IF ANY WE HAD HAD WITH  
EGYPTIANS ON SUBJECT BUT DOUBTED EGYPTIANS HAD  
ASKED OUR APPROVAL. I REPORT THE ABOVE AS OF  
POSSIBLE INTEREST AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY  
ELUCIDATION DEPT OR CAIRO MIGHT CARE TO GIVE US.  
PARKER

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